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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) sheet of replacement drawings (Figs. 5A-5B).

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